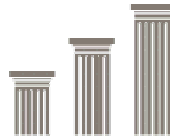




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## Statewide Student Management System (SSMS)

Attendance Conference

April 19, 2007

# SSMS Agenda

- Important Notes
- SSMS Implementation
- Phase IV Implementation Status
- Phases I – III: Technical Assistance in 2007
- Regional User Groups
- Host Site and Performance
- Future Initiatives

# Important Notes

- Website reporting required until further notice
- EIS reporting required
  - Must continue to work towards accuracy on EIS
  - EIS is the official source for many State reporting requirements
  - 111 districts have 95% (+/-) match between website ADM entry and EIS (all SIS packages)

# SSMS Implementation

- Currently:
  - 99 districts (+ York, TSB, WTSD, DCS)
  - 6 new Phase IV districts (+ TSD) in process of transition
  
- 2007-08 SY:
  - 105 districts (+ State Special Schools & DCS)
  - 31 non-SSMS districts

# Phase IV Implementation Status

- Completed initial training (Pre-AA & Scheduling)
- Initiated Data Conversion process
  
- May '07 - Discipline AA Only Webex (Validation Table setup)
  
- July/August '07
  - AA Refresher Webex
  - Attendance
  - Discipline End User Webex
  - Grade Book Portal
  - Grade Reporting

# Phase IV Implementation Status

- Fall '07
  - Academic History
  - Medical Webex
  
- Spring '08
  - Scheduling Refresher Webex

# Phases I – III: Technical Assistance in 2007

## **March/April --**

- AHS Refresher Webex
- Rollover/Pre-Scheduling Refresher Webex
- On-site assistance via RUG meetings
- XAP Upload Process for Counselors Webex

## **April/May --**

- Grade Reporting (Year End) Refresher Webex

## **Early Fall--**

- Medical Webex (enhancements & new posting routines)

# Regional User Group (RUG): Lead District

## **SOUTHWEST TN**

- Lexington City Schools – Belinda Reed

## **NORTHWEST TN**

- Crockett County Schools - Ashley Jordan

## **MIDDLE TN**

- Wayne County Schools - Ricky Inman

## **SOUTHCENTRAL TN**

- Coffee County Schools - Sharon Spears

## **UPPER CUMBERLAND**

- Overton County Schools - Matt Eldridge

## **EAST TN**

- Grainger County Schools - James Atkins

## **UPPER EAST**

- Hawkins County Schools - Steve Starnes

## **SOUTHEAST – TBE in 2007-08**

- Bradley County Schools – Patty Phillips



# Host Site and Performance

## ■ Host Site

- Hardware Upgrade: Started SY with 32 processors; added 16 new processors in January 2007 (total 48 processors)
- Migrating EasyIEP to TN host site Summer 2007

## ■ Performance

- Installed newer version of Jinitiator – appears to have resolved issue for most users - https errors, loss of mouse control, menu items not loading
- Other problem sources identified
  - Insufficient memory (min 512 mg)
  - Outdated machines (Windows 98) **(Dr. Webb inventory request)**
  - Multiple applications running simultaneously (students accessing U-Tube, MySpace, etc.)
  - Users working throughout the day with 20-40+ student records open
  - LAN
- Compuware: Investigating additional monitoring tool
- Continuing to monitor host site, network, and application performance on a regular basis

# Future Initiatives

- All application and database servers will be upgraded from Oracle 9i to 10g in June.
  - Improved performance
  - Ability to download data/reports from Star Student to desktop into Excel
  - Ability to import data (i.e. test scores, student pictures, letterhead, Food Service Direct Certification)
  - Platform Safari certified for MAC users
  
- Star Student update to Version 0706.0 – Summer '07
  - Bug fixes
  - AHS: student's current schedule will print on transcript even w/o grade record & suffix field added to student main record (i.e. JR, III)
  - Extra Curricular Student Eligibility List: **new** report shows EXC course, and students failing course, plus other courses student failing and grades for each
  - Generic Alert on Student Main Screen will print of Student Profile Report
  - PCC Notes field added to Student Attendance Screen

# Future Initiatives

- Discipline Records: a “**primary infraction field**” added to Student’s Tab on Post Student Discipline screen and to Student’s Infraction/Disposition Tab on Student Discipline screen
- Daily Absence List for Class Attendance: Teacher Table added to report break and report sort option
- Other pending enhancements/changes
  - Common Tables Schema – summer
  - Convert data entry to InitCap – summer
  - TN custom Permanent Record Label (choice 3.5 x 5 or 3.33 x 4) – summer
  - Student Pictures in Portal (stored in one location) – summer
  - Use of custom letterhead or School Header information on Star Student homepage and letters – summer
  - Teacher License Number on Global Teacher Table – ASAP
  - Fix problem: drop/add courses on same day – ASAP
  - Track Code default to “yes” (Rollover) – ASAP
  - Student ID Report & ADM Reports sort x Special Programs – ASAP
  - Student Detail Report: adding option to include Pre-K students (default No) – ASAP

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